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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE REACTION TO US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 1 A "CONFIDENTIAL" NOTE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DATED AUGUST 30) CONCERNING THE USG INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO. WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT AND INFORMED DFA THAT WE HAVE FORWARDED ITS NOTE TO THE DEPARTMENT. FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF DFA NOTE: BEGIN QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION FIELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 1975 AND DUE TO EXPIRE ON 5 NOVEMBER 1977.

2. IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CREATED A HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON TO UNDERTAKE AN IN-DEPTY STUDY ON THE AMERICAN POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE ORGANIZATION. THE DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT THIS STUDY WILL BE FINISHED IN GOOD TIME BEFORE THE WITHDRAWAL IS TO TAKE PLACE.

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3. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE PHILIPPINE AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONCERN AT THIS INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, AS SHOWN IN THE PHILIPPINE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES OF HIS EXCELLENCY, PRIME MINISTER TAKEO FUKUDU. IT IS THEIR COMMON POSITION THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE

UNITED STATES WILL SERIOUSLY AND AVERSELY AFFECT THE ORGANIZATION AND THE CAUSE OF MAINTAINING GLOBAL COOPERATION.

4. IT IS OUR PROFOUND BELIEF THAT THE UNITED STATES, IN SPITE OF THE TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES IN THE ORGANIZATION, WOULD STILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE ITS VALUED CONTRIBUTION TO THE RE-ORIENTATION AND CONTINUED VIABILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION. IT WOULD INDEED BE DEEPLY REGRETABLE IF THE UNITED STATES WERE TO QUIT THE ORGANIZATION.

5. IT SEEMS TO BE THE CONSENSUS AMONG GOVERNMENTS OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT IF THE UNITED STATES WITHDRAWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, THAT ORGANIZATION WOULD GRADUALLY DIMINISH IN IMPORTANCE AND EVENTUALLY LEAD TO ITS DISINTEGRATION. IT IS OUR HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL RECONSIDER ITS NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL WITH A VIEW TOWARDS PARTICIPATING CONTINUOUSLY IN THE ORGANIZATION. THE MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF USEFUL SERVICE TO HUMANITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE BROUGHT TO NAUGHT IF THE UNITED STATES WITHDRAWS FROM THE ORGANIZATION.

6. THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
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